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SUBJECT: FISHING BOATS FIRED ON BY PATROL BOAT OF UNKNOWN NATIONALITY

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1. NISSHO MARU NO. 32, ONE OF VESSELS INVOLVED REPORTS INCIDENT OCCURRED APPROXIMATELY 0030 HOURS MAY 24 AT POSITION INDICATED REF B. UNIDENTIFIED VESSEL GRAY AND NUMBER SIX ONE FIVE ON HULL. APPEARED TO BE FISHING VESSEL OF APPROX SIX ZERO GROSS TONS WITH FIVE OR SIX PERSONS ON DECK. CAPT NISSHO MARU REPORTS SOMETHING RESEMBLING MOUNTED MACHINE WAS ON DECK OF VESSEL IN QUESTION. NISSHO MARU WAS ORDERED BY VESSEL TO TURN OFF SEARCH LIGHTS. CAPT SAW ONE PERSON HURRY TOWARD MACHINE GUN-LIKE INSTALLATION PRIOR TO TURNING OFF LIGHTS. UPON LEAVING AREA HE HEARD MACHINE GUN-LIKE FIRING TWO TIMES. AFTER INCIDENT UNIDENTIFIED VESSEL DEPARTED AREA IN DIRECTION OF CHOUNGJIN AT SPEED OF TEN KNOTS.

2. VESSEL HORAI MARU NO. 61 ALSO INVOLVED SUBJECT INCIDENT AND CAPT REPORTS WHILE HAULING NET HE HEARD MACHINE GUN-LIKE FIRING SOUNDS THREE TIMES OFF HIS STERN COMING FROM UNIDENTIFIED VESSEL. CAPT FURTHERREPORTS THAT UNIDENTIFIED VESSEL HAD NAME AND NUMBER COVERED BY CANVAS-LIKE SHEET. VESSEL WAS OF WOODEN CONSTRUCTION AND ESTIMATED AT FIVE ZERO GROSS TONS.

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3. VESSEL KINSHO MARU NO. 8 ALSO IN AREA AT TIME AND SAW UN-

IDENTIFIED VESSEL IN AREA. CAPT HEARD MACHINE GUN-LIKE FIRING
BUT DUE TO HEAVY FOG COULD NOT IDENTIFY VESSEL.

4. JAPAN MARITIME SAFETY AGENCY REPORTS NOT UNUSUAL FOR NORTH
KOREAN FISHING VESSELS TO BE EQUIPPED WITH MOUNTED MACHINE GUN.
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